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TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield 25X1A 3246

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EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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REFERENCES [redacted]

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1. On 26 July 1951, construction was being done beyond the previously reported eastern boundary of Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. * Three Soviet penal companies worked at the field during the daytime. The laborers, working in day shifts, included about 220 civilians, both men and women, about 540 Soviet convicts, and about 30 German political prisoners. ** Only German civilian laborers worked at night. The political prisoners were quartered in the prison at Petersberg. Twelve power shovels were used. The field was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

2. Grading work was being done on the eastern extension of the field. Most of the laborers worked there and the rest were working at the northwestern corner of the field. The eastern section of the old taxiway was torn up.

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* [redacted] Comment. For boundary of landing field, see Annex. This sketch indicates that the landing field extends about 3,00[illegible] meters from east to west. Only surveying and grading work has been done. It is believed that the construction of a hard-surface runway will start in the spring of 1952.

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** [redacted] Comment. The number of laborers has not changed considerably when compared with a previous report. See [redacted]

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1 Annex: One sketch on ditto.

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